

REMARKS

The amendments to the specification correct clerical errors in the description of Figure 1 and do not contain any new matter.

Claims 1-4, 6-16, and 18-38 remain in the application. Claims 1-4, 6-11, and 14 are amended to remove unnecessary “step” language. Claims 12, 13, and 15 are amended to clarify language related to selection of multiple reference databases. Claim 16 is amended to clarify the location of the database records. Support for the amendment to Claim 16 can be found at least on page 8, paragraph 19.

Claims 20 and 21 are added as new dependents of Claims 1 and 7, respectively, and contain no new matter. Support for Claims 20 and 21 can be found at least on page 15, paragraph 33. As dependent claims of allowable claims, we respectfully submit these claims are patentable over art previously cited by the Examiner.

Claims 22-26 are added and contain no new subject matter. Support for Claims 22-26 can be found at least on pages 9-10, paragraphs 21-22, of the specification. Claim 22 is patentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,991,758 to Ellard (hereinafter Ellard), previously cited by the Examiner. Ellard does not teach “querying a reference database populated with known or expected variations on the input data” as claimed in new Claim 22. Because Claims 23-26 are dependent upon Claim 22, we respectfully submit they are also patentable over Ellard.

Claims 27-35 are added and contain no new subject matter. Support for Claims 27-35 can be found at least at FIG. 1 and page 8, paragraph 19, of the specification. Claims 36-38 are added and contain no new subject matter. Support for Claims 36-38 can be found at least on pages 8-11, paragraphs 19-24, of the specification. Because Claims 27-38 contain substantially the same limitations as previously submitted Claim 1, although drafted in different form, we respectfully submit Claims 27-38 are allowable over references previously cited by the Examiner.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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